

William Charles Cole Claiborne to Andrew Jackson, September 10, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Private.

Dear Sir, I know you too well, not to be assured of the sacrifice you have made, in exchanging the pleasures of domestic Life, for the toil and trouble of a camp. But you nevertheless will not remain without a *rich reward* . You will find it in the approbation and thanks of your country.

I should be very happy to welcome the arrival of your amiable Lady in this City, and I sincerely hope, that the times may not prove so alarming as long to delay her visit; I am sure Mrs. Jackson would be pleased with this city, and during the fall and winter months, there is nothing to be apprehended from the climate; Indeed our Summers are by no means *as dangerous* , as have been represented; at present the city is *perfectly* healthy and promises to continue so.

Could you not without injury to the service, pay us a flying visit. Your presence is greatly desirable. It would give confidence to the well disposed Citizen, and tend to silence the disaffected. I need not repeat the personal satisfaction I should experience in seeing you. I shall always cherish the friendship which so long existed between us in Tennessee, and my best wishes will always attend you. My House is not as commodious, as I could wish it; But we have a comfortable Chamber at your service, and by occupying it, during your visit to this City, you will afford to Mrs. Claiborne and myself very sincere satisfaction. Colonel

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Shaumburg, is, (at the request of the pay-master General) offered by Captain Pemberton (provided you approve) the appointment of an Assistant Paymaster at Nachitoches.

I hope Shaumburg's temporarily acting as my aid, may not be an obstacle to his appointment as an Assistant Paymaster. His services for the moment are very useful to me; they will be dispensed with, the moment our prospects become less gloomy.

I am D'r Sir, Your sincere friend